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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of: Seres et al :
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For: PROTECTIVE DEVICE FOR
DISPENSING DEVICES :
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Dear Sir:

This amendment and request for reconsideration is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 01, 1999. The present application includes pending claims 1 - 27

Amendment

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (amended) A protective device for dispensing devices which have a document feed path opening for dispensing printed documents, said protective device comprising:
means for covering at least the document feed path opening of the dispensing device to minimize environmental contamination of the dispensing device; [and]
means for providing access to [the document received] documents dispensed from the dispensing device;
means for guiding printed documents dispensed from the dispensing device through said means for covering at least the document feed path opening and into said means for providing access.

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5. (amended) The protective device of claim 1 wherein said means for covering at last the document feed path opening of the dispensing device includes:
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